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For: MEANS FOR QUALITATIVE AND
QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF MICROBIAL
POPULATIONS POTENTIALLY PRESENT IN
A SAMPLE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2002 (Paper No. 16), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Please insert --FIELD OF INVENTION-- on page 1, line 6 after title of invention.

Please insert -- BACKGROUND -- on page 1, line 11 after the first paragraph.

Please insert -- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION -- on page 4, after the first paragraph.

Please insert -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION -- on page 4, before the paragraph beginning on line 19.

Page 4, last paragraph continuing to Page 5, line 15 should read as follow:

As used herein, the term "microbiological population" (or "microbiological domain") means the set of microorganisms that a given probe is able to recognize by recognition of an RNA target sequence present in each member of said set. The approach is based on